Plan for Basic Amenities in Urban Slums at National Level

3093. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the lack of basic amenities in Urban Slums;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan for taking care of this at the national level; and

(c) whether any such plan has been prepared for Delhi in view of the regularisation of colonies recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At the national level a scheme known as the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) is already in existance since August, 1996 to provide Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to States/UTs for the development of urban slums. The ACA released under this scheme can be utilised to provide physical amenities like water supply, storm water drains, community infrastructure, community primary health care, social amenities like pre-school education, adult education, maternity and child health and primary health care etc. it also has a provision for shelter upgradation.

(c) The Government of NCT of Delhi has adopted the following three pronged strategy to deal with Jhuggi Jhopri (JJ) dwellers in the National Capital Territory of Delhi:

(i) Where the JJ dwellers are residing before 31.1.1990 on land urgently required by the land owning agency for the execution of a public purpose project, these JJ dwellers are relocated elsewhere.

(ii) In-situ upgradation of the JJ colony/cluster is resorted to where the land owning agency does not need the land in the foreseeable future and gives NOC to the effect that such clusters may be upgraded.

(iii) Civic amenities like water supply, street lighting, road, storm water drains, etc. are provided in JJ cluster, which do not fall in categories (i) and (ii) above.

2. Government have been issuing instructions to land owning agencies from time to time, for taking effective steps to protect their land from encroachments etc.

Regularisation of Unauthrorised Colonies

3094. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the village-wise names of the colonies to be regularised;

(b) the norms under which the unauthorised colonies that have come up only on the acquired land in which compensation had already been awarded to the land owners would be dealt with;

(c) whether Sainik Farms have been included in the list of regularised colonies; and;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 4771/93—Common Cause (Regd.) Society Vs. Union of India and Others—has Restrained the Government from regularising any unathorising any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. Subsequently, on the directions of the Court, the High Powered Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development was constituted to go into the entire gamut of issues on unauthorised colonies. On the basis of the report of this Committee, the High Court asked the Government to submit its view to the Court in respect of regularisation of the colonies and the terms and conditions on which such regularisation could be done. After consulting all the local authorities including the Government of NCT of Delhi, the Government of India to the High Court through an affidavit on 7.8.2000. The Government will take further action in accordance with the directions/orders of the High Court.

Gazette Notification Regarding Regularization of Illegal Colonies

3095. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gazette notification with regard to the policy decision of the Union Cabinet to regularise 1071 illegal colonies in Delhi has been issued;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the proposed date of issuance of Gazette notification; and

(c) whether the action of the Union Cabinet is subject to the decision of CWP No. 4771 of 1993 (Delhi High Court) or any other proceedings based on the said petition?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi High Court has stayed decision by the Government for regularising any unauthorised colony in Delhi till further orders. Therefore, the views formulated by Government of India have been submitted to the High Court though an affidavit dated 7.8.2000. Further action will be taken in accordance with the directions/orders of the High Court. Matter is subjudice.

Problems of Residents' Welfare Associations in Delhi

3096. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Residents' Welfare Associations in Delhi had a discussion with him on their problems;